Federal Disaster Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR DISASTER VICTIMS

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Texas counties have until April 5, 2004 to apply for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to businesses that experienced financial losses due to damages caused by severe storms, damaging winds and hail that occurred on June 2, 2003. Physical losses caused by the disaster cannot be covered by these loans. These loans are available to businesses which meet the SBA size standards and cannot meet their disaster-related financial needs through other sources. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Dimmit Jim Hogg Maverick Webb Duval La Salle McMullen Zapata

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA, toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. Applications must be received no later than **April 5**, **2004**.

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For more information about the SBA Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.